

SENATE MINUTES (FINAL)
Meeting #22
February 19, 2020

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Leen Almahdi called the meeting to order at 3:31pm.

2. ROLL CALL

Voting Members Present

Ambar Bibilonia, ASI College of the Arts
Stephanie Torres, ASI College of Business
Taryn Williams, ASI College of Business
Isabel Douvan, ASI College of Education
Dale Lendrum, ASI College of Education
Aaron Chiu, ASI College of Engineering
Kiran Sajjan, ASI College of Engineering
Joanna Felix-Mendez, ASI College of Health & Human Services
Raquelle Hafen ASI College of Health & Human Services
Daniella Hernandez, ASI College of Liberal Arts
Jini Chakkalakal, ASI College of Natural Science & Math
Michael Lam, ASI College of Natural Science & Math
Yvonne Arechiga (elected today)
Jireh Deng, ASI At-Large
Sumaiyah Hossain, ASI At-Large
Citlalli Ortiz, ASI At-Large
Stephany Triska, ASI At-Large
Leen Almahdi, ASI Vice President
Dr. Piya Bose, CSULB President's Designee

Voting Members Absent

Ryan Phong, ASI At-Large
Jeff Jarvis, CSULB Faculty Representative
VACANT, ASI College of the Arts
VACANT, ASI College of Liberal Arts

Staff Present

Lindsay San Miguel, Assistant Director, Government Affairs & Initiatives
Dr. Miles Nevin, ASI Executive Director

3. INVOCATION

Chris Huebner, Student Recreation and Wellness Center Assistant Director.

Huebner shared a portion President John F. Kennedy "We choose to go to the Moon" speech and reflected on the significance of how that event brought the country together towards a common goal. Huebner encouraged the board to work towards doing what's best for everyone, especially when it's difficult to do so. Don't maintain status quo but work towards improvement. Be willing to compromise, collaborate, and make sacrifices for the greater good.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

- Nathan Curbajal, student: voiced support of AB1460, which upholds the agenda of university.
- Kishan Patel, student: fees that international students pay are very high and they are not eligible for most loans or financial aid.

- Jocelyn Jaime, student: don't just exercise the privileges that come with your position; help students in the best way possible by prioritizing education and not profit.
- Caleb Aparicio, student: ethnic studies just take 3 units; it's not just mainstream subjects that are important.
- Ana Murillo, student: spoke about the importance of making Ethnic Studies a GE requirement.
- Trevor Bowman, student: Senate represents a lot of students; voiced support to passing the bill.
- Alejandro Padilla, student: it's job of the institution to pass the bill and help deal with racism.
- Emelyne Camacho, student: people of color have always been set aside; Ethnic Studies will set up a foundation, as we lack cultural competency.
- Lynda Aguayo: saying that Ethnic Studies isn't needed is saying that the negative experiences of people of color in the past aren't valid either.
- Hugo Solorzano, student: supported Ethnic studies; asked the board to reconsider their support as ethnic studies is very important to support diversity.
- Hayli Antoniewicz, student: ethnic studies was formed because of a student strike; social diversity helps enhancing business program.
- Aaysha Memon, student: make the university a learning space; avoid marginalizing by supporting AB1460.
- Arlene Rivera, student: we are standing on Puvunga territory; this is a diverse university; history of people of color is important.
- Kimberly Vasquez, student: disappointed in Senate's decision regarding AB1460; hopes for the bill to be able to pass.
- Randall Santiago, student: supported the AB1460 bill.
- Jason Sotelo, transfer student: we may all come from different ships but on same boat now; celebrate a diverse campus.
- Cassandra Acevedo: supported the AB1460 Bill; emphasized how the history for students of color has not been prioritized; prove to students that it's a diverse campus.
- Logan Vournas, former ASI Senator and Vice President: disappointed that the AB1460 didn't pass.
- America Lopez, student: to think ethnic studies is not important enough is disappointing.
- Miguel Lopez, student: spoke about the importance of ethnic studies and various students strikes due to it.
- Isaiah Philips, student: spoke in support for the bill.
- Sabrina Alimahomed: The California Faculty Association supports this bill.
- Cristal Gomez, student: promote diversity as many people don't have a chance to learn our history.

5. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

(M) Hossain (S) Lam to approve Senate Agenda, Meeting #22, February 19, 2020

VOTE ON THE MOTION

PASSES 17-0-1

6. ANNOUNCEMENT FROM THE CHAIR

- Met with senators regarding a textbook affordability resolution
- Any remaining spring resolutions needs to be submitted within the next six weeks
- End of Year Report: will send it out to board by Friday; deadline is April 6th
- Take a Sec with Exes: successful event yesterday
- ASI Scholarship Review Committee: need volunteers
- Met with Velazquez and Provost Jersky to discuss AB1460 and what its implementation would look like for CSULB: 200 additional sections, 40 new, full-time faculty would be incorporated through the D3 or the E1 3-categories within the GE umbrella; Provost's main concern was academic freedom; Provost

assured that compromised accreditation would not be probable

- On the Spot Evaluations: pilot ran last semester; feedback has been reviewed and glitches corrected; will be implemented next semester

Velasquez: AB 1460 Open Forum on Tuesday, 7pm, in the Los Alamitos Bay, with a facilitator from Ethnic Studies; a survey to all students will go out on BeachFront regarding the University Academic Senate's Ethnic Studies resolution.

Almahdi: directed all available senators attend the open forum.

7. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Action Item: Senate Minutes, Meeting #21, February 12, 2020

(M) Hossain (S) Torres to approve Senate Minutes, Meeting #21, February 12, 2020

VOTE ON THE MOTION

PASSES 16-0-1

8. CONSENT CALENDAR/REPORTS

A. Approval of Minutes/Reports from Sub-Boards/Sub-Committees

1) Action Item: Board of Control (BOC) Minutes, Meeting #21, February 4, 2020

(M) Hernandez (S) Chakkalakal to approve Board of Control (BOC) Minutes, Meeting #21, February 4, 2020

VOTE ON THE MOTION

PASSES 16-0-1

2) Action Item: Lobby Corps Minutes, Meeting #17, February 6, 2020

(M) Hossain (S) Felix-Mendes to approve Lobby Corps Minutes, Meeting #17, February 6, 2020

VOTE ON THE MOTION

PASSES 13-0-1

3) Action Item: Social Justice and Equity Committee (SJEC) Minutes, Meeting #7, January 28, 2020

(M) Ortiz (S) Douvan to approve Social Justice and Equity Committee (SJEC) Minutes, Meeting #7, January 28, 2020

VOTE ON THE MOTION

PASSES 13-0-1

B. Acceptance of Minutes/Reports from Sub-Boards/Sub-Committees

1) Action Item: Cabinet Minutes, Meeting #15, February 3, 2020

(M) Ortiz (S) Triska to approve Cabinet Minutes, Meeting #15, February 3, 2020

VOTE ON THE MOTION

PASSES 14-0-1

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Legislative Business

1) Action Item: SR #2020-10: Resolution in Support of Proposition 13 – the Public Preschool, K-12, and College Health and Safety Bond Act of 2020 (3rd Reading)

(M) Triska (S) Douvan to approve Resolution in Support of Proposition 13 – the Public Preschool, K-12, and College Health and Safety Bond Act of 2020 (3rd Reading)

VOTE ON THE MOTION

PASSES 14-0-2

2) Action Item: SR #2020-11: Bylaw Amendment to Requirements for Running and Holding Office (3rd Reading)

(M) Lam (S) Chiu to approve Bylaw Amendment to Requirements for Running and Holding Office (3rd Reading)

VOTE ON THE MOTION

PASSES 14-0-2

- 3) Action Item: SR #2020-12: Support of California State Legislature Bills of Interest (2nd Reading)

Deng reviewed revisions:

- changed the summary description
- previously stated from 2020-2021; now 2021-2022
- Removed: SP206, AB59, AB381, AB1645

(M) Hossain to approve Support of California State Legislature Bills of Interest (2nd Reading)

Deng: suggested striking AB1460 from the Bills of Interest resolution, as the Support AB1460 resolution failed last week.

San Miguel: Hossain can restate the motion as amended due to striking the line if she supports it and if she does not, then another person would have to approve the motion.

Almahdi: resolution will return next week for its final reading; suggested the board to attend Lobby Corps meeting for their input and have a better discussion next week.

Lam: per language in Line 15, regardless of action taken on SR #2020-11, AB1460 does not need to be stricken from SR #2020-12.

(M) Hossain (S) Hafen to approve Support of California State Legislature Bills of Interest (2nd Reading), as amended

- Strike AB1460

VOTE ON THE MOTION

FAILS 7-10-1

(M) Hossain (S) Lam to approve Support of California State Legislature Bills of Interest (2nd Reading)

VOTE ON THE MOTION

PASSES 10-2-6

10. NEW BUSINESS

B. Non-Legislative

- 1) Action Item: BOD #2020-39: Election of (1) Social Justice and Equity Committee Student At-Large – Caleb Reyes Aparicio TC 4:10pm
Reyes Aparicio introduced themselves and spoke of their commitment to the goal of equity.

(M)Lam (S) Williams to approve Election of (1) Social Justice and Equity Committee Student At-Large – Caleb Reyes Aparicio

VOTE ON THE MOTION

PASSES 16-0-2

- 2) Action Item: BOD #2020-40: Election of (1) Senator At-Large
- a) Yvonne Arechiga
Arechiga introduced themselves and spoke about to the importance of everyone’s voice and concerns be heard.
- b) Monica De La Cruz
De La Cruz introduced themselves and spoke of their credentials which they felt they were suited for this position.

(M) Hossain (S) Triska to approve Election of (1) Senator At-Large

Arechiga: 15

De La Cruz: 1

Abstain: 2

Bose administered the oath of office to Arechiga.

- 1) Action Item: BOD #2020-41: Election of Senate Representative to Lobby Corps
Lam nominated themselves.

(M) Williams (S) Torres to approve Election of Senate Representative to Lobby Corps – Michael Lam

VOTE ON THE MOTION

PASSES 14-0-2

- 2) Action Item: BOD #2020-42: Election of Senate Representative to Social Justice and Equity Committee (SJEC)
Lam nominated Arechiga, who accepted.

(M) Hafen (S) Torres to approve Election of Senate Representative to Social Justice and Equity Committee (SJEC) – Yvonne Arechiga

VOTE ON THE MOTION

PASSES 15-0-1

- 3) Action Item: BOD #2020-43: Election of (1) Academic Senator
Hafen nominated themselves.

(M) Hossain (S)Chiu to approve Election of (1) Academic Senator – Raquelle Hafen

VOTE ON THE MOTION

PASSES 15-0-1

11. REPORTS

A. Information Item: Lizbeth Velasquez, ASI President TC 3:45pm

- Feedback from constituents is very important, though it may be hard at times to receive
- Chancellor's Office executives approved the creation a CSU data portal; each CSU campus' ASI president will designate two persons to have access to the data portal; the initial portal will be limited to focusing on the following five categories:
 - how the student population is changing
 - historical and persistent graduation rates
 - equity facts
 - what do we know about students that leave
 - which students enroll in post-graduate programs
 - Met with Almahdi and Provost Jersky to discuss AB1460 and what its implementation would look like for CSULB: 200 additional sections, 40 new, full-time lecturers would be incorporated through the D3 or the E1 3-categories within the GE umbrella; Provost's main concern was academic freedom; Provost assured that compromised accreditation would not be probable
- Meeting with students regarding their AB1460 concerns over implementation and curriculum; it's important to create a community of solidarity; we live in unprecedented times which calls for unprecedented legislative measures; crucial to have respectful conversations to determine the best support and representation of our constituents.

- B. Information Item: Daniel Galindo ASI Treasurer TC 3:50pm
- Spring Grant Allocation: process by which student organizations can apply for funding for recurring events; currently developing a timeline for process
 - ASI Scholarship Applications: need 50 more volunteers to review the online applications
 - Thanked Beach Pride Events for conducting the first spring Financial Literacy Workshop; next workshop Intro to Taxes, March 12th, 3:30pm

- C. Information Item: Maythe Alderete, ASI Chief Diversity Officer TC 3:55pm

Work Completed:

- VP Open Forums
- Social Justice and Equity Committee
- Planning Culture Fest

Goals for the Next 2 Weeks:

- Culture Fest; March 5th from 6-8pm @North Lawn; Call for artist
- Help with planning for Respect Diversity Week.

Student Concerns/Issues:

- AB1460

Upcoming Cabinet Events:

- AB540 and Undocumented Students Commissioner Andrade
 - Undocu 5k – April 19th
 - Undocu Conference 2.0 – April 17-18th
- Wellness Affairs commissioner Chung
 - Project OCEAN's 10th Annual Live Your Life Day event - Tuesday, April 14th from 11:00am-2:00pm
- Culture Fest - March 5th from 6-8pm @North Lawn

- D. Information Item: Dr. Jeff Klaus, CSULB Associate Vice President of Student Affairs - 2020 Fee Payment Updates TC 4pm

Suzie Payne, Interim Director of Student Financial Services

Donna Green: Interim Director for AVP Enrollment Services

New fee payment schedule will be implemented for fall 2020. Students who enroll, beginning April 6th and put down a \$500 deposit and/or accept their financial aid, will be able to keep classes until July 15th. Remaining balance needs to be paid by August 11th. Students will also be able to register for up to 18 units.

Maximum amount of time for students to get their preferred classes, with the goal of registering as many students, as early as possible.

- E. Information Item: Dr. Miles Nevin, ASI Executive Director

There was nothing to report.

- F. Information Item: ASI College Senators

1. College of Education: Sens. Lendrum and Douvan

*This item was postponed

2. College of Engineering: Sens. Chiu and Sajjan

Work Completed:

- reached out to the incoming acting dean to the college of engineering to coordinate future events
- investigated student travel form issue

Goals for the Next 2 Weeks:

- plan coffee with the dean event

Student Concerns/Issues:

- Lack of public access to notice boards with the COE buildings
 - inability to reliably post notices on workshops and events provided by ASI and public groups/parties

Did You Know?

- There is a Town in Arizona called "NOTHING", and NOBODY LIVES there.

3. College of Health & Human Services: Sen. Hafen and Felix-Mendez

Work Completed:

- Coffee with the Dean event (6 February 2020)
- Finalization of new CHHS Senator

Goals for the Next 2 Weeks:

- Get in contact with CHHS advising
- Organize an event with the CHHS Dean
- Finalize a tabling event
- Communicate with ASI Comm for new co-Senator pictures and posters

Student Concerns/Issues:

- Complaints from CHHS Student organizations about lack of CHHS community and collaboration

Did You Know?

- 6 out of the 10 tallest hotels in the world are located in Dubai. The tallest, the JW Marriott Marquis Marriott, has 76 stories!

4. College of Liberal Arts: Sens. Hernandez

Work Completed:

- Contacted Marie Montoya to continue planning the I-House open forum
- Contacted Dr. Mary Ann Takemoto and others about possibility of mental health resources video incorporated with Title IX training video.

Goals for the Next 2 Weeks:

- Meet with CLA college council
- Begin recruitment for new CLA senator
- Continue planning the open forum at I-House!

Student Concerns/Issues:

- the ethnic studies vote the board took last week
 - concerned about misrepresentation and possibly sending a wrong message to some of the student population

Did You Know?

- Koalas sleep an average of 18 hours per day

5. College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics: Sens. Chakkalakal and Lam

Work Completed:

- Research

- Certification of ASBMB
- College council

Goals for the Next 2 Weeks:

- Advertising for ASI 2020 Elections
- Updates on the study spaces
- ASBMB

Student Concerns/Issues:

- More diverse food options on campus

Did You Know?

- Character consists of what you do on the third and fourth tries.

6. College of Business: Sens. Torres and Williams

Work Completed:

- Went to Child Care Focus Group for Beach 2030 Master Plan Update
 - Focus Group discussing current and future space needs for child care centers on campus.
- Spoke with students in regards to the
- Advocated for our “Fall grads” to qualify for COB Outstanding Graduate

Goals for the Next 2 Weeks:

- Finish COB Calculator Loan Program logistics and start program!
- Contact 49er Shops and get conversation started about food options near COB

Student Concerns/Issues:

- Worried about how the new Ethnic Studies requirement will affect their curriculum
- Food options available near COB

Did You Know?

- The building we are sitting in, the USU is registered as a historical landmark!

7. College of the Arts: Sens. Bibilonia

Work Completed:

- Completed February 1 on 1
 - Revisited goals
- Continuing to spread the word on vacancy
- Scheduled meeting with the Dean
- Beginning to plan Art with the Dean Event

Goals for the Next 2 Weeks:

- Meet with the Dean
- Plan and advertise Art with the Dean Event
- Continue promoting Senator position

Did You Know?

- On an average year there are 345 sunny days in Long Beach!

12. CLOSING COMMENTS

Cindy, SustainU: congratulated Arechiga on their election.

Miguel Lopez, student: thanked board for reconsidering and their support on a tough issue.

Hugo Solorzano, student: whatever your decision is, you can't kill the spirit of resistance.

Lendrum: voiced appreciation to those who gave public comment; reviewed their committed involvement in fighting for diverse student/faculty representation; voiced concern and disappointment over divisive effects of last week's AB1460 resolution.

Torres: commended co-senator Williams for their dedicated efforts; voiced disappointment in comments that were made before/after vote, especially after being encouraged by vice president to vote with our constituents in mind; voiced disappointment of Ortiz's social media post that called out those who voted against resolution; hopes board remains professional and respectful of opinions.

Ortiz: the ethnic studies course will produce cultural competency; shared their opinion on their personal social media platform to their constituents in order to spread awareness of what's going on in student government, especially when the collective student voice votes against what would benefit the majority of students; looks forward to supporting a bill that addresses concerns and is implemented efficiently.

Williams: voiced support of an ethnic studies requirement, however, the current version is vague, and calls for unconditional support but doesn't address several significant impacts when implemented; suggested sending a list of concerns to send to Sacramento, or draft own version that addresses CSULB specific concerns.

Deng: voting on this board calls for the putting away personal biases to properly represent and make decisions in the interests of the student body; voiced concern on impacted majors; important to understand the bill and hold the chancellor and CSU Board of Trustees accountable that these are courses that benefit CSU students and are ones that they desire.

Hernandez: voiced concern that resolution failed in its first reading because it gives the incorrect perception ASI doesn't care about students; we're here for students, not faculty.

Almahdi: reports are due by 12pm tomorrow; will send out end of year reports by the end of this week; elections deadline was extended till Friday; AB1460 Open Forum on Tuesday, 7pm, Los Alamitos Bay.

13. ADJOURNMENT

Without objection, Chair Leen Almahdi adjourned the meeting at 6:08pm.